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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Lagarias et al.

Application No.: 09/272,809

Filed: March 19, 1999

For: PHYTOFLUORS AS FLUORESCENT LABELS

Examiner: Ja-Na Hines

Art Unit: 1645

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A courtesy copy of pending claims is submitted herewith, along with a petition to extend the period of response for three months (please note that the 3 month extension fell on a Saturday and the following Monday was a Federal holiday), appendices containing marked-up copies of amended claims and specification text, and a request for a corrected filing receipt.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims and specification as follows, without prejudice to subsequent renewal of the claims and specification in their original form. Per the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.121, the following claims are to be substituted for the corresponding previously pending claims of the same number(s). Marked-up versions showing the changes to the claims and specification are attached herewith.